NPAs by way of upgradation, compromise, write-off and actual cash recovery. However, due to fresh slippages the gross NPAs of the bank as on 30th September, 2001 was Rs. 1,088.24 crores.

(d) Reserve Bank of India has reported that Punjab & Sind Bank has projected to reduce its gross NPAs to Rs. 984.69 crores as on 31st March, 2002.

Amount collected under small savings schemes

†2361. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount collected so far this year under the small savings schemes in comparison to the last three years together with the scheme-wise amount likely to be collected up to the end of current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that less amount is being deposited by people in these small saving schemes due to reduction of rate of interest in these schemes by Government; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) (I) The gross small savings collections during the current financial year (upto October, 2001) *vis-a-vis* during the same period of previous three financial years are as under :

(In Crores of Rupees)

Year	Gross Collections
2001-02	47814
2000-2001	47477
1999-2000	40328
1998-99	34800

(II) Estimated gross small savings collections during November, 2001 to March, 2002 are Rs. 45936 crore. Scheme-wise break-up is not available.

Valuation Cell of I.T. Department

2362. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.